

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

JEFFERY PORTMANN,

CASE NO. C23-5064 BHS

**Plaintiff,**

ORDER

V.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

THIS MATTER comes before the Court on the parties' request for a magistrate to mediate. Dkt. 21. The Request is **GRANTED**. The Court assigns this case to the Honorable David W. Christel for mediation. They should contact his chambers directly for scheduling.

The parties shall file a joint status report one week after completion of mediation.

It is so ORDERED.

Dated this 29th day of July, 2024.

Tony J. Saccoccia

BENJAMIN H. SETTLE  
United States District Judge